



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: June 30, 2009

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Downtown Organization Maintenance Agreement For Fiscal Year 2010

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to execute an agreement in the amount of \$625,511 with the Downtown Organization (DO) for landscape maintenance, sidewalk cleaning, and general maintenance of the 00-1200 blocks of State Street from Victoria Street to Cabrillo Boulevard, including the 101 underpass and various cross streets, from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010.

DISCUSSION:

At the beginning of each fiscal year, the City of Santa Barbara contracts with the DO to provide landscape maintenance, sidewalk cleaning, and general maintenance of the 00-1200 blocks of State Street and many of the cross streets between Chapala and Anacapa Streets. The primary purpose of the contract is to maintain State Street in a clean, neat and attractive condition. Services provided by the DO include:

- Landscape maintenance and plant installation in accordance with State Street Maintenance Guidelines
- Trash and litter removal
- Sidewalk washing using water recovery system
- Cleaning and painting of all vertical surfaces of kiosks, planters, fountains, electrical boxes
- Cleaning and maintenance of drinking and decorative fountains; cleaning drinking fountains
- Regular maintenance on Paseo between Borders Books and the Fiesta Five movie theater
- Repair of vandalized or broken irrigation system components
- Regular maintenance at Storke Placita
- Providing City staff with notice of safety hazards
- Quarterly walkthrough/inspection with City staff
- Quarterly year-to-date expenditure report
- Annual report

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Funding for this contract, in the amount of \$625,511, is included in the proposed Parks and Recreation Department Fiscal Year 2010 budget. The Downtown Parking Program will provide \$312,755.50 toward the contract. The remaining amount is funded by the General Fund. This agreement represents a decrease of \$70,889 from Fiscal Year 2009. The primary service reductions associated with the decrease include reductions in the cleaning of side streets and contracted power washing services. Service reductions were minimized due to insurance cost savings identified by the DO.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Landscape maintenance on State Street supports the City's sustainability goals. The DO uses hand weeding in landscape maintenance to control weeds. The use of "Green" materials and methods helps the City of Santa Barbara achieve its sustainability goals.

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